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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendments
 Commissioner for Patents
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 Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 29, 2005, wherein this Reply is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for reply, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.